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Reduction in services at recreation sites on the Tonto National Forest *Begins on the Cave Creek Ranger District May 30, 2012*

Phoenix (May 22) – Forest recreation specialists announced today that due to recent losses in personnel a reduction in services at some developed recreational areas on the Cave Creek Ranger District will begin Wednesday, May 30, 2012.

Reduced service recreation sites include the following:

- **Seven Springs Recreation Area**
CCC Campground
CCC Trailhead
Seven Springs Picnic Site
Cave Creek Group Site
- **Horseshoe Lake Recreation Area**
Mesquite Campground
Horseshoe Campground
Ocotillo
Catfish/Fisherman's Point
- **Bartlett Lake Recreation Area**
Riverside Campground
SB Cove Campground
Yellow Cliffs
Rattlesnake Group Site

The following recreation sites are full-service and require Tonto passes:

- **Bartlett Lake Recreation Area**
Rattlesnake Cove
Jojoba boating site
Bartlett Flats
- **Needle Rock Recreation Area**

The reduction in services includes no trash pick-up, no available toilets, and no drinking water where water was previously provided.

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“A Tonto Pass will no longer be required at these sites due to the reduction in services,” stated Tammy Pike, district spokesperson. “By taking these steps, the district can continue to provide services at our high-use recreational sites where a Tonto Pass is required. We need everyone’s help to keep sites clean in areas where services are being reduced.”

“Although gates are closed and services reduced in some areas, dispersed recreation opportunities exist,” concluded Pike.

For further information and alternative recreation sites, please visit the forest website at www.fs.usda.gov/tonto, or contact the Cave Creek Ranger District at 480 595-3300.